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SUBJ: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. STATE 83029, B. ROME 5611, C. LONDON 5052

1. AS SUGGESTED IN DEPTTEL (REF A), ECONOFF URGED
FONOFF TO ENCOURAGE COMMISSION TO TAKE OUT-FRONT
POSITION ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. DANES AGREED THIS
NECESSARY BUT BELIEVED THAT COMMISSION HAS IN
FACT DONE ITS BEST IN ITS CURRENT PROPOSAL.

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(NOTE: AS OF FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FONOFF HAD NOT

YET RECEIVED REPORT OF THURSDAY PERMREP MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT AND CONSEQUENTLY HAS NOT SEEN FINAL VERSION OF COMMISSION PROPOSAL.) FONOFF (DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY AGERUP) HENCE DID NOT RPT NOT AGREE WITH BRITISH REPORT (REF C) THAT DANES HAD SUPPORTED GERMAN VIEW THAT COMMISSION PROPOSAL WAS INADEQUATE. AGERUP FELT THAT "ADEQUACY" WAS RELATIVE MATTER IN THIS CONTEXT; CONSIDERING DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING COORDINATED POSITION IN IN COMMUNITY, HE THOUGHT COMMISSION HAD DONE WHAT IT COULD.

2. AGERUP REITERATED THAT DANISH POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED FROM PAST, I.E., DENMARK BELIEVES POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IS ESSENTIAL AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME AND, SPECIFICALLY, HAS NO PROBLEMS IN ACCEPTING LATEST U.S. OFFER IN TOTO. HE SAID THAT DENMARK HAS DONE ITS BEST IN ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO ACCEPT LIST ALSO BUT OBVIOUSLY HAS LIMITS TO ITS INFLUENCE.

3. WITH REGARD TO ITALIAN POSITION ON TOBACCO (REF B), AGATT DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH DANISH INDUSTRY WHICH HAS VESTED INTEREST IN ASSURING MINIMUM DUTY ON HIGHER-PRICED U.S. TOBACCO. INDUSTRY REPS SAID THEY WOULD AGAIN URGE DANISH GOVERNMENT TO PRESS FOR LOWER BINDING. IN OUR DISCUSSION WITH FONOFF (AGERUP), WE GATHERED INDUSTRY HAS ALREADY BEEN AT HIM AND HE SAID HE WOULD TALK WITH DANISH PERMREP IN BRUSSELS TO SEE WHETHER ANYTHING MORE CAN BE DONE TO CONVINCE ITALIANS TO GIVE. AGERUP WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT POSSIBILITIES SINCE IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION ITALIANS ARE PRETTY WELL DUG IN ON THIS ISSUE. NONETHELESS, HE SAID HE WOULD TRY SINCE IT WAS CLEARLY IN DANISH INTEREST TO OBTAIN LOWER BINDING OFFERED BY U.S.
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